

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 1334
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Corrections
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Current law sets out the composition of the El Paso County juvenile board and specifically names the county judge of El Paso County to the board. Because the county judge has many other board memberships, activities, and responsibilities, interested parties contend that the effectiveness and efficiency of the juvenile board's operations could be improved if the county judge is allowed to designate another person to serve in the judge's place. Such a designation is not a new concept. A county judge is currently authorized to name a designee to a county bail bond board. H.B. 1334 seeks to provide options for El Paso County juvenile board membership.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 1334 amends the Human Resources Code to include, as alternatives to including the county judge as a member of the El Paso County juvenile board, a member of the county commissioners court designated by the county judge or an individual who is not a member of the commissioners court and who is designated by the county judge and approved by a majority vote of the commissioners court.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2013.